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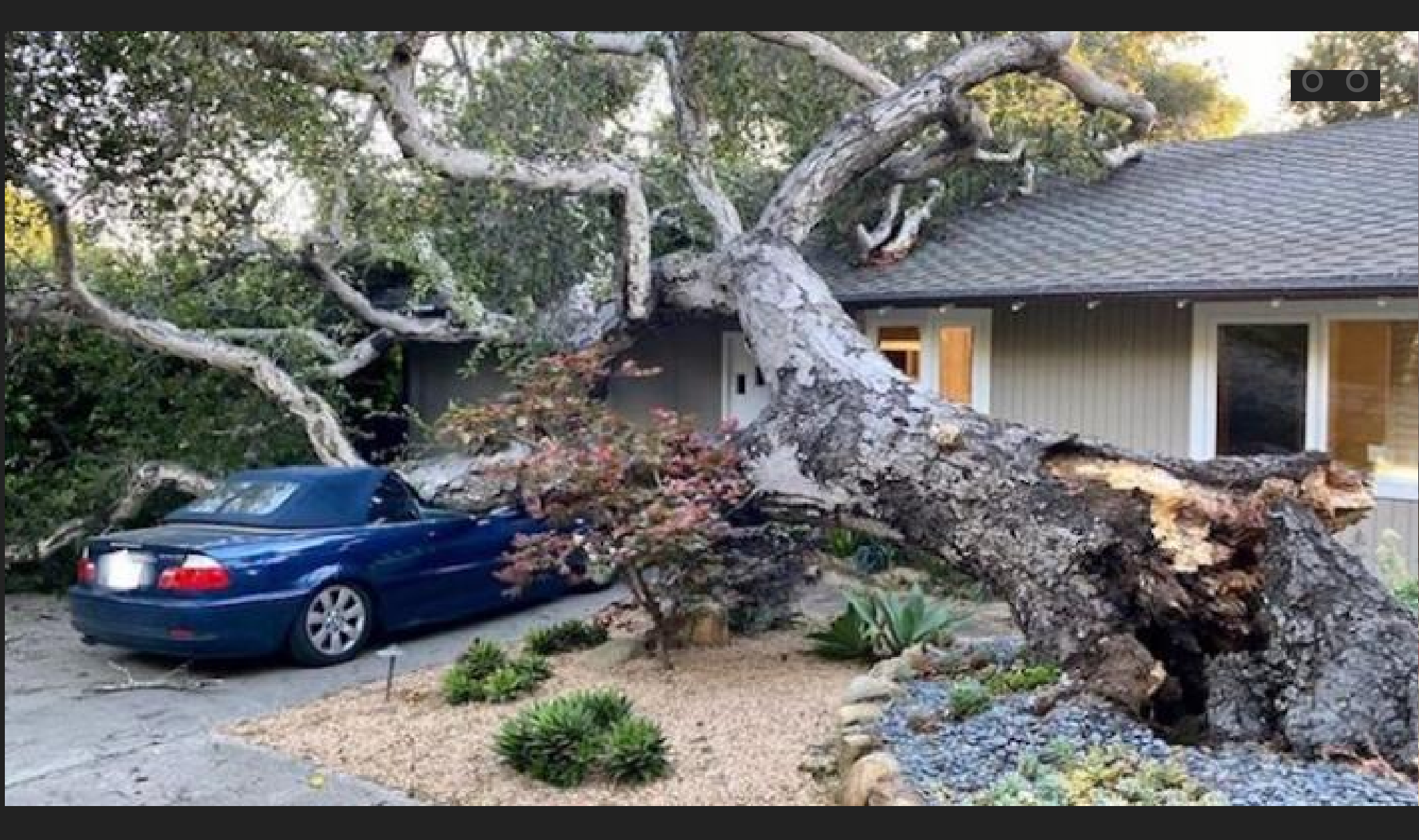

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Fallen tree damages vehicle in Montecito (Photo: Montecito Fire Department)

By edhat staff
April 24, 2020

Strong winds sent several trees crashing down throughout the Santa Barbara area on Thursday evening.

There were reported mountain gusts up to 78 mph. The Montecito Fire Department reported 16 calls overnight, starting with the damaging tree blown down in the above photo. Montecito firefighters do not report any injuries, but a lot of debris and utilities needing attention.

The intersection of Cota and Garden Streets was closed after a tree fell across the roadway. A larger tree was uprooted by the wind on the Santa Barbara High School campus.

Uprooted tree at Santa Barbara High School (Photo: Jennifer)

Tree down near Cota and Garden Streets (Photo: Jessica Fairchild)

California Highway Patrol reported the 1400 block of E. Valley Road on State Route 192 was temporarily closed due to a large oak tree that fell from the strong winds. Power lines were also reportedly down in the area.

Both lanes were shut down as Southern California Edison de-energized the lines and county crews safely cut down the tree.

Photo: R.Holguin Navarro /CHP

HIGH WIND WARNING & HEAT ADVISORY

Source: National Weather Service
April 22, 2020

HIGH WIND WARNING
118 PM PDT WED APR 22 2020

Santa Barbara County South Coast- Including the cities of Santa Barbara, Montecito, and Carpinteria

HIGH WIND WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 9 AM PDT FRIDAY

HEAT ADVISORY IN EFFECT FROM 11 AM FRIDAY TO 6 PM PDT SATURDAY

* WHAT...For the High Wind Warning, north winds 25 to 40 mph with gusts up to 65 mph. Isolated gusts to 75 mph possible in favored foothill locations like Montecito Hills. For the Heat Advisory, temperatures up to 88 expected.

* WHERE...Santa Barbara County South Coast.

* WHEN...For the High Wind Warning, until 9 AM PDT Friday. For the Heat Advisory, from 11 AM Friday to 6 PM PDT Saturday.

* IMPACTS...Damaging winds will blow down large objects such as trees and power lines. Power outages are expected. Travel will be difficult, especially for high profile vehicles. Hot temperatures may cause heat illnesses to occur.

* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...Roadways that may be affected by gusty cross winds include Highways 101, 154 and 192...as well as the Gaviota and San Marcos Passes.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

People should avoid being outside in forested areas and around trees and branches. If possible, remain in the lower levels of your home during the windstorm, and avoid windows. Use caution if you must drive.

Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors. Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances.

Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear lightweight and loose fitting clothing when possible. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency! Call 9 1 1.

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A-1587758277 APR 24, 2020 12:57 PM

Regarding the "engineered weather" comments, some of you are actually very uninformed. Look up HAARP. Also, there was a lawsuit in Mexico against VW for engineering weather. VW did that to prevent hail storms from damaging their cars in their open air lots - and as a result it affected the amount of rainfall which damaged the farmers. Look it up. We can also make it rain by cloud seeding under favorable conditions. So yeah engineered weather is being done and has been for awhile. As far as being purposefully engineered to cause climate change, not sure about that. but I'll leave it to y'all to argue about.

A-1587758277 APR 24, 2020 11:28 AM

That oak coming down concerns me as I have one (not owned by me) looming over my house. Can someone with knowledge of oaks explain what happened there? The tree doesn't look unhealthy from the outside. Was there some kind of disease or rot internally which weakened it?

MTNDRIVER APR 24, 2020 12:18 PM

I'm no expert, but the interior of that oak doesn't look good to me where it broke--trunk won't just break like that if the tree is healthy, I don't think. Wind like we had last night could uproot the whole thing, but not break the trunk so close to the ground, strongest part of tree. Need an arborist to chime in.

A-1587758277 APR 24, 2020 11:58 AM

It came down due to the high winds. I could speculate that it was diseased or a house was built on top of its roots, but it probably would still be standing if not for them winds we had last night.

AHCHOOO APR 24, 2020 09:58 AM

Aw, I hate to see the trees come down. Regarding air conditioning, is anyone else fondly remembering the days when they got to go to an air conditioned office?

EASTBEACH APR 23, 2020 10:06 PM

Big wind gusts and lights flickering ... not a good time to have a power outage considering most folks have packed freezers/fridges and no generators.

SBROSES APR 24, 2020 11:26 AM

No kidding! We bought a chest freezer for this and it's filled with at least $500 worth of food! Ugh!

SHASTA GUY APR 23, 2020 09:03 PM

Another one of those wonderful 85F in the house Santa Barbara evenings... At least we don’t have a zillion bugs like many other places. At my grandfather’s farm house in Kansas, the screen door always had about a 100 Miller moths on it waiting fly into the house as soon as it opened.

A-1587758277 APR 23, 2020 09:56 AM

Hmmm. The weather is whatever the geoengineers want it to be. Search David Keith, Harvard. Check out 1PacificRedwood on YT. Search solar radiation managment. Do your research. The info is all out there. Climate Change is manmade because its being purposefully engineered. 1962 Lyndon Johnson: "Those who control the weather control the world" It ain't a new concept folks. [enter the Raytheon trolls]

ALEXBLUE APR 24, 2020 12:31 PM

No, they are lunatics because they think that somehow a bunch of humans conspired to "engineer" and change the weather of the planet. Literally one of the dumbest conspiracy theories out there. A small group of scientists and the ultra wealthy or illuminati or whatever ridiculous imaginary group people come up with could not mobilize hundreds of millions or billions of people over a century to achieve what we are now seeing as climate change. Morons.

XANTUS APR 24, 2020 12:09 PM

engineering implies intent. activity is just activity.

A-1587758277 APR 23, 2020 12:57 PM

12:12: - Nope, Barney... you're wrong. It's not even close to the same thing, at all, in any way.

A-1587758277 APR 23, 2020 12:12 PM

Activity/Engineering is basically the same as donut/doughnut because the end result is the exactly the same (climate change/global warming.....fettiglich/olykoek). But, whatever. It's beautiful day with nice sunshine and a breeze, plus a bit of surf coming in Barney.

A-1587758277 APR 23, 2020 11:42 AM

"Activity" and "engineering" are quite different in this context. Human activity (eg, pollution, etc) contributes to climate change, yes, but that is not at all the same as saying humans are engineering and deliberately changing weather patterns.

A-1587758277 APR 23, 2020 11:12 AM

They were lunatics because they said that climate change was caused by human activity? Is that what you are saying? If so, climate scientists are saying the same exact thing, but just a little differently. Oh, how smart everyone is these days with internet "research" and links to this and that. And, please mind your manners....be polite please.

A-1587758277 APR 23, 2020 10:32 AM

These lunatics had a booth at the gem faire last year at Earl Warren. It was insane.

A-1587758277 APR 23, 2020 10:29 AM

Engineered weather? Oh wow.... I do love the internet hahahaha!

A-1587758277 APR 23, 2020 01:52 AM

Roger: Not just wealthy people: also people who rent but don't have to pay utilities.

ROGER APR 22, 2020 08:11 PM

Oh yea air conditioning wealthy people have it.

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